

## **CHILDREN YOUTH & SCHOOL SERVICES (CYS)**

### **YOUTH SPONSORSHIP**

Are you heading to the land of the rising sun? Are you here and wondering what there is to do, but are afraid because of the language? The Army Child and Youth Services of Camp Zama Youth Sponsorship Program can make your stay even better. We will provide you with a teen to help make your transition smoother.

#### **General Information**

Youth Sponsorship helps relocate youth to become familiar with their new home in Japan. Sponsors are matched to youth according to their gender, age, and interests. The sponsors escort incoming youth around the post, school area, and to the Child and Youth Service Centers. They introduce the new arrival to others within their age/grade level and to the various activities. Youth Sponsorship helps to build life skills and leadership. To check out more information on Army Child and Youth Services, School-Age Services, and Middle School and Teen Centers in Japan visit the MWR website at: <http://www.mwrjapan.jp.pac.army.mil>.

#### **Youth Sponsorship Contact Information**

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Youth Sponsorship

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##### Website:

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### **CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER (CDC)**

There are two available for your children age 6 weeks to Kindergarten. The first is located on Camp Zama close to the middle and high schools. The other is located on Sagamihara Housing Area close to the elementary school; offering a full range of care from infant, full-day, part-day, pre-school, and hourly care. For more information, please call DSN: 263-3241, International: 011-81-46-407-3241.

### **CAMP ZAMA CDC**

**Full-day care-**Full Day Programs for children 6 weeks to 5 years of age are available from 0530 to 1800 Monday to Friday for military and DoD families. We are closed on all federal holidays. Breakfast, lunch, and snacks are served to all children 12 months and older.

**Part Day Preschool-**Part Day Programs for children 3 years to 5 years of age are available from 0830 to 1200 3 days or 5 days a week for military and DoD families. We are closed on all federal holidays, spring break, and Christmas break. A nutritious snack is served during this program.

**Hourly Care-**Hourly Care Program for children 6 weeks to 12 years of age is available from 0800 to 1700, Monday to Friday for military and DoD families. Reservations are taken one month in advance on first come, first serve basis for a maximum of 20 hours per child each week.

### **SAGAMIHARA CDC**

**Full-day care-** Full Day Programs for children 6 weeks to 5 years of age are available from 0530 to 1800 Monday to Friday for military and DoD families. We are closed on all federal holidays. Breakfast, lunch, and snacks are served to all children 12 months and older.

**Before and After Care-** This program is provided for children enrolled in Kindergarten and Pre-Kindergarten at the elementary school.

**Part Day Preschool-** Part Day Programs for children 3 years to 5 years of age are available from 0830 to 1130 3 days or 5 days a week for military and DoD families. We are closed on all federal holidays, spring break, and Christmas break. A nutritious snack is served during this program.

**Hourly Care-** Hourly Care Program for children 6 weeks to 12 years of age is available from 0800 to 1700, Monday to Friday for military and DoD families. Reservations are taken one month in advance on first come, first serve basis for a maximum of 20 hours per child each week.

### **Accreditation**

We are accredited by the National Association of Education of Young Children (NAEYC). Our center and staff are visited every three years by a team of evaluators to ensure that we follow specific Child Development criteria. Our staff works very hard on a daily basis to ensure that the NAEYC standards are met. We must ensure that our programs offer age-appropriate learning environments for children between the ages of 6 weeks and 5 years of age. We provide an appropriate learning environment that supports the five domains of development - social, emotional, cognitive, physical, and intellectual.

**SCHOOL AGE SERVICES (SAS)**

There is one center located adjacent to John O. Arnn Elementary School on Sagamihara Housing Area. It provides many different programs, activities and club experiences for children in grades one to six. During school breaks, this program becomes a camp program (i.e., winter, spring and summer). (For more information go to: <http://campzamasas.org/>)

During the summer 2007, this program is providing a full day summer camp experience for children in grades one to six, packed full of trips and activities each week. In addition, for children in fifth and sixth grades (ages 11 and 12), special arrangements have been completed for them to participate in field trips.

Beginning with the school year, there's an open recreation program every day after school (limited space) and every Saturday afternoon. If you're interested contact the CYS Central Enrollment Registry Office for more information at 263-4125/4743.

**ZAMA YOUTH CENTER**

The Camp Zama Youth Services program delivers a diversified, year-round, recreational program for eligible military and DOD civilian family members. The New Zama Youth Center opened its doors in April of 2002 (located across from the gas station and in front of the Arts and Crafts Center in Bldg 314). We boast a full size gym, karaoke room, state-of-the-art Tech Lab and a great lounge area. Our facility operates as the "hub" for installation youth.

The Zama Youth Sports Program's main office is located here at the Youth Center. They provide instruction in the development of individual and team skills, while offering an opportunity for participation in a recreationally beneficial and controlled competitive environment. All sports programs are offered for youth from ages 5 to 19.

Here at the Zama Teen Center we pride ourselves on having a wide and diverse array of recreational, as well as educational, opportunities. We have several programs designed to get American and local Japanese teens together and simply have fun, therein promoting cultural awareness.

We have many high adventure trips (white water rafting, Mt. Fuji climb etc.) as well as trips to local amusement parks. We also offer an annual spring break trip. In past years, the youth have toured Okinawa, Italy, and Guam.

Call us at 263-4500 front office

## **YOUTH SPORTS & FITNESS**

### **Camp Zama Youth Sports & Fitness Motto and Philosophy**

#### **Fun through Participation, Dedication and Appreciation**

Participation in the Youth Sports and Fitness (YS& F) Program is encouraged to all eligible children in the Camp Zama Community. Children living in this overseas military community are encouraged to participate in programs to ensure that they have the same experiences as their peers in the United States. We strive to provide comparable programs offered by Continental Army bases. Athletics, competition, and sports, both team and individual, are a part of the American way of life. A successful Youth Sports Program is not only based on youth participation, but also adult volunteers. We must encourage the adult members of our community to participate and contribute to our programs. We must provide the training and the necessary tools to make the program enjoyable and an overall success.

**Have Fun.** These activities must be fun and provide a recreational outlet for the youth of our community. Our youth should choose to participate for a variety of reasons; with the underlying determinant that they will believe it is going to be fun. We must strive to keep our youth thinking this way while they develop a positive attitude towards competition, fair play, and physical activity.

**Learn and Grow.** The Youth Sports and Fitness Program must deliver activities that aid our youth to grow emotionally, socially, and psychologically. Our sports program should help the members of our community gain an understanding of the importance of total fitness. Our programs must include team sports, individual sports, fitness, family activities and lifetime leisure activities for developing a well-rounded person.

#### **Contact Information:**

For more information on events, volunteer coaching, or any Youth Sports and Fitness contact the Youth Sports & Fitness office at:  
DSN: 263-4066/5437/5991, International: 011-81-46-407-4066/5437/5991.

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## **SCHOOL LIAISON SERVICES**

School Liaison Services (SLS) welcomes you to Camp Zama, Japan. The School Liaison Officer (SLO) serves as the primary advisor to Commander/command staff on matters relating to schools and SLS; develops solutions in partnership with local schools that ease barriers to successful education transitions for Army youth; and collaborates with local schools, installation organizations and community organizations to facilitate the education experience of military children and youth.

School Liaison Officer..... DSN: 263-3241

## **FAMILY CHILD CARE**

Family Child Care (FCC) program is a professionally managed network of individuals providing childcare in their government quarters. FCC was established to support the specific childcare needs of military families. All FCC providers receive in excess of 60 hours of initial instruction (on such topics as CPR, food sanitation and early child development) prior to being provisionally certified. In addition, providers receive on-going training, and FCC certified homes are monitored regularly by Preventive Medicine, the Fire Department, Safety Office and FCC staff.

All providers and their families submit to extensive background clearances with favorable results required prior to certification and annually thereafter. The potential provider and their family members are screened through an interview in their home. After required training and home inspections, the Post Commander considers the provider's home for certification. The provisional certificate is valid for up to 12 months and additional training is required to achieve full certification.

The program is divided into three regions, Zama/Sagamihara/Sagami Depot. A Director and a Program Assistant staff the program as well as assistance from a CYS Training & Curriculum Specialists. The staff provides oversight and inspections of all certified day care homes on post. Home visits are conducted at least monthly. Observations by the Training and Curriculum Specialists are in addition to the home visits conducted by the FCC Director and program assistant. It is the mutual responsibility of the parents and the FCC provider to uphold the provisions of the contract for care. The FCC providers are independent contractors with varying services and requirements.

FCC providers are professionally trained to provide quality developmental childcare to children 4 weeks to twelve years of age. The benefits of becoming a FCC provider include:

- Free training in a marketable occupation. Credit transfers to Army installations world-wide.
- Free use of the FCC toy lending library.
- Free referrals by Resource and Referral Office to families needing childcare.
- Free workshops on such subjects as child growth and development, story telling, discipline techniques.
- A support system including the FCC staff, other providers and a wide range of professionals such as fire, medical and social services personnel.
- Reimbursements for foods served in accordance with USDA guidelines.

If you are providing childcare on a regular basis in government housing **YOU MUST BE CERTIFIED**. If not, you are in violation of AR 608-10 and can be removed from family quarters. We are always interested in adding FCC providers to our team. We especially need providers for extended hours care. The Family Child Care (FCC) offices are located in building 533. Contact the FCC office at 263-4743 (International: 011-81-46-407-4743) for further information.